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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, CO

SUBJECT: LEAK OF NARCOTICS INFORMATION: LETTER FROM
DEFENSE MINISTER

REFERENCES: (A) BOGOTA 1751 (B) STATE 47457 (C) BOGOTA
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1. AS AGREED DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU LAST WEEK,
DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN YOUR REPLYING TO THE LETTER OF
FEBRUARY 23 FROM THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, ESPECIALLY SINCE
A REPLY APPEARS TO BE ESSENTIAL IN TERMS OF OBTAINING MORE
COOPERATION FROM THE ARMED FORCES IN NARCOTICS INTER-
DICTION.

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2. YOUR REPLY SHOULD STATE THAT THE LE MONDE ARTICLE WAS
PRESUMABLY REFERRING TO THE REPORT OF THE HOUSE SELECT
COMMITTEE ON NARCOTICS (NOT A U-S. SENATE COMMITTEE), OF
WHICH A SPANISH TRANSLATION OF THE PORTION ON COLOMBIA WAS
CONTAINED IN THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT'S PUBLIC COMMUNIQUE
OF JANUARY 31. YOU SHOULD ADD THAT THOUGH THE MINISTER IS
NOT IMPLICATED IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT, THE EMBASSY IS

AWARE OF INFORMATION THAT THE MINISTER GAVE A CHARACTER
REFERENCE TO HELP FACILITATE THE RELEASE FROM PRISON OF A
NARCOTICS TRAFFICKER.

3. AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY WISH TO INFORM PRESIDENT
LOPEZ OF YOUR REPLY TO THE MINISTER'S LETTER BEFORE IT IS
DELIVERED.

4. PLEASE CABLE TEXT OF YOUR LETTER AND INDICATE DATE
OF DELIVERY. VANCE

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